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NOTIFICATION

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**No. 71/36(2)/(1)/57-ANL.**—The President has decided to constitute an Advisory Council for the Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands, to be associated with the Administrator of these Islands in the discharge of his administrative functions and to lay down the following rules to regulate its constitution and procedure:—

- (1) The Advisory Council will consist of the Administrator who will preside over the meetings and five other members. The members shall be selected for nomination in such a manner as to secure as wide a representation of the various interests in the Islands as possible.
- (2) The Members of the Council will be nominated by the Government of India in consultation with the Administrator, Laccadive, Minicoy and Amindivi Islands.

The first Council shall function for the period ending on March 31, 1958. A new Council will be constituted in accordance with these Rules in the month of March of every year, which will function for one year from the 1st of April of each year.

- (3) The Administrator will seek the advice of the Council on:—

- (a) matters of administration involving general policy; schemes of development of agriculture, trade and industry; improvement of sanitation, communications, education, health and any other matter intended for the betterment of conditions of the population, and to make the Islands self-supporting; but not on matters relating to the day-to-day administration or in the matter of any appointments whatsoever;
  - (b) general questions touching the implementation of general policy and schemes of development; and
  - (c) any other matter which the Administrator or the Government of India may refer to the Council.
- (4) Subject to the discretion of the Administrator to refuse in the public interests to give information or to allow discussion, Members will have rights in regard to interpellations analogous to and under similar limitations as those of the members of Parliament.
  - (5) Such Officers, as the administrator may permit, will be entitled to be present at the meetings and to participate in discussions or furnish information but will not have the right to vote.

- (6) The functions of the Council will be purely advisory and though their advice shall not be binding on the Administrator, due weight and consideration shall be given to it by him in reaching decisions or making recommendations to the Government.
- (7) The Advisory Council will meet at least twice in a year. The meetings of the Council may be held on the mainland as long as the Headquarters of the Administrator remain there.
- (8) The office of a Member of the said Council shall be honorary and shall not carry any salary or remuneration.

A. V. PAI, Secy.